

**KIONA-BENTON CITY SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 52
1105 DALE AVENUE
BENTON CITY, WASHINGTON 99320**

**Board Minutes of
Monday, May 22, 2023**

Members Present: Dale Thornton, Board Chair
Julie Rheinschmidt, Director
Teddy Bryan, Director
Rick Gonzales, Director
Josh Skipper, Director
Drew Raab, Director of Finance
Pete Peterson, Superintendent

Members Absent: None.

Visitors: See attached.

CALL TO ORDER

Board Chair Thornton called the regular meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. in the District Board Room and to view via Zoom.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Pledge of Allegiance conducted.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

A motion was made to approve the agenda by Director Skipper and seconded by Director Gonzales.

A vote to approve the agenda with a 5/0 vote.

Delegations

Mr. Peterson asked Susan Wildey to come tonight as she has been helping us in food service as a mentor from the ESD. Susan reviewed some of the things she has been helping with in food service and the positive changes that have been made. Director Gonzales stated that his daughter works at the high school, and she has really enjoyed the changes in the food being served. Board Chair Thornton asked for Susan to share anything that she sees that could help improve the kitchen area. Susan shared that she has helped give some ownership to the staff and they are doing well with it. She also sees a few things that can be revamped in the breakfast after the bell program.

PROPOSED CONSENT AGENDA

New Hires: Ruby Davis, ES SS Coordinator; Rose Anna Magana, ES SS Office Clerk; Michael Kantman, Preschool – 5th Grade Special Education Teacher; Lisa Upton, ES Principal
Resignations/Separations/Retirements/Termination/Non-Renewal: Sydney Shintaffer (Gray), HS Asst. Soccer Coach; Michael Kantman, MS Asst. VP/AD; Lisa Upton, ES Asst. Principal; Lori Collins, Custodian Financials

The following vouchers as audited and certified by the auditing officer, as required by RCW 42.24.080, and those expense reimbursement claims certified, as required by RCW 42.24.090, are approved for payment.

Payroll - \$1,623,386.55	Vouchers 1096, 1097
AP General Fund- \$139,793.06	Vouchers 1098, 1100
ASB- \$5,034.20	Vouchers 1099
Warrants 115670-115712	

A motion was made to approve the consent agenda by Director Skipper and seconded by Director Gonzales.

Vote to approve the consent agenda with a 5/0 vote.

PUBLIC COMMENTS (In person, prior written or electronic)

Several staff and community members in person expressed their thoughts and concerns related to employee changes, budget and the special services director.

Mr. Peterson read comments from Heidi Rodgers, Stephen Kelley, Beth Kalinga and Jacob Johnson that were submitted via email.

NEW BUSINESS

Minutes from 5/8/23, Approval

A motion was made to approve the Minutes from 5/8/23 by Director Skipper and seconded by Director Gonzales.

**A vote to approve the Minutes from 5/8/23 with a 4/0 vote.
Director Rheinschmidt was absent from the 5/8/23 meeting.**

Policy 6882, Sale of Real Property, First Reading

Mr. Peterson stated that the district currently doesn't have a policy addressing this and feels it is a good idea to have it in the coming years. Board Chair Thornton asked if this was a standard WSSDA policy and Mr. Peterson stated yes. Director Rheinschmidt asked if we had this policy previously and Mr. Peterson stated no.

Policy 6905, Site Acquisition, First Reading

Mr. Peterson stated that this is another policy that should be in place for the future as well with the talk of potential school sites and expansions. Board Chair Thornton asked if this also was standard policy and Mr. Peterson stated it is.

Policy 6970, Naming Schools, Facilities, and Teams, and Use of School Mascots, Images, or Logos, First Reading

Mr. Peterson stated that with the request we had at the last board meeting this is a good policy to have in place. Director Rheinschmidt stated she liked the simplicity of it.

Board Chair Thornton confirmed these were all first readings and Mr. Peterson stated yes, they are.

BOARD COMMENTS

Director Bryan shared that she enjoyed the high school concert on Thursday and that they have come so far and sound very mighty for their size. The choir was great as well.

Director Skipper shared that he attended the first half of the double header and that was good to see. He shared that last week was filing week and one person filed. Director Skipper thanked those that have served on the board.

Board Chair Thornton thanked everyone for their input and opinions.

Director Gonzales thanked the audience and stated the only way to make a change is to speak up.

SUPERINTENDENTS REPORT

Mr. Peterson congratulated all the teams going to State and wished them good luck. Mr. Peterson shared an update on the attendance and reengagement and that our coordinator will be looking at our attendance policies to make some suggestions and that they are up to date. Mr. Peterson stated that he will be scheduling an update on our dual language as our one last week was cancelled due to a personal loss of the presenters. Mr. Peterson shared that the assessment presentation will be held in June.

CONVENED

At 7:47 p.m., the Board convened for executive session pursuant to RCW 42.30.110, Section (1) (g) performance of a public employee, for approximately 30 minutes with no business to follow. Executive session was extended.

ADJOURNMENT – Regular board meeting adjourned at 8:24 p.m.

Dale Thornton, Board Chair

Julie Rheinschmidt, Director

Rick Gonzales, Director

Josh Skipper, Director

Teddy Bryan, Director

Pete Peterson, Superintendent